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CODING SCHEME FOR KALA AZAR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to introduce a coding scheme for kala-azar patients whereby the system will be able to track the patient right down to the primary health sub-centre at the village level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Health Policy (2002) has set the goal for eliminating the disease by 2010;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent of success achieved in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The concept of patient coding scheme was introduced to line list all the confirmed Kala-Azar cases. The objectives of the patient coding scheme is to ensure complete treatment compliance and avoid duplication of cases at different institutions like sub-centre, Primary Health Centre (PHC) and districts.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The National Health Policy (2002) envisages to achieve the goal for elimination of Kala-Azar by 2010 by bringing down the numbers of Kala-Azar cases less than 1 case per 10,000 population at sub-district level.

(e) After the introduction of patient coding scheme, all the cases are being traced to ensure complete treatment so that these cases are properly cured and do not act as parasitic reservoir. This will definitely help in elimination of Kala-Azar disease.